

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The United States Congress, by Joint Resolution, has designated October of each year as National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and,

*Whereas*, The purpose of this month is to celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities and educate the public about disability employment issues; and,

*Whereas*, We want to spread the important message that a strong workforce is one inclusive of the skills and talents of all individuals, including individuals with disabilities; and,

*Whereas*, We cannot afford, morally or financially, to lose the contributions people with disabilities bring, not only to the workplace, but also to mainstream community life as an irreplaceable resource for our state and nation; and,

*Whereas*, We celebrate citizens, businesses, and government working together to remove barriers and false perceptions faced by individuals with disabilities; and,

*Whereas*, Our goal is to make South Dakota an "employment-first state" with our government committing itself to making employment the first priority and the preferred outcome for citizens with disabilities; and,

*Whereas*, Everyone should have a chance to earn a living and have a sense of fulfillment from having a job. This year's theme, "Because We Are Equal to the Task", supports these goals:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

## ***DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH***

in South Dakota, and I call on all citizens to observe this month by hosting and supporting initiatives and activities that support and promote providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.



*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Patricia K. Miller Deputy*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State